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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Defector Citizenship - SCI Version: Conversation  
with Senate Judiciary Staff


1 On May 22, 1985, I met with Dick Dargan, Staff Counsel, Senate Judiciary Committee. With the departure of Deborah Owen to the White House staff, effective June 3, 1985 he seems to be the individual on the full committee staff responsible for the defector citizenship proposal. I explained the proposal to him in some detail: the background, the Administration proposal and the version the SSCI would be reporting out.

2. He had several questions, most of which were reduced to two points made by those who had some concern about the proposal: 1) would it not "open the floodgates" to similar requests; and, 2) why was it necessary. I responded to these concerns based essentially on the analysis which accompanies the Administration proposal.

3. He indicated that he was awaiting receipt of the unanimous consent agreement from Gary Chase governing its consideration. When the SSCI Bill was formally received in Judiciary, he had planned on insuring that it was seen by Senators Kennedy, Simpson and Biden.

4. I indicated that I would be in touch with him again and that if he or any other staff members had any questions, they should feel free to contact me.

5. Subsequently, I discussed with Gary Chase and Dan Finn contacting John Podesta, Senator Leahy's staff member on Senate Judiciary, to attempt to ascertain those Senate Judiciary staff members with whom it might be useful to discuss the proposal after the SSCI reported out its version of the Bill and it was formally referred to Senate Judiciary. We also discussed contacting other staff members including Mark Gittenstein, Senator Biden's staffer.

  
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